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STUDENT SENATE

Richardson wins election by 43

By ERIN SELLERS
CAMPUS EDITOR

Peppermint Patti is officially the new Student Senate president. After a week of hanging posters and associating herself with the popular red and white breath-freshening candy, Patti Richardson, sophomore general studies major, is Missouri Southern's student body executive officer.



Patti Richardson
Student Senate President



Jason Young
Student Senate Vice President

Although there were only two spots that had opposing persons running, the election was a tight one. "We had a good election, a close election," said Doug Carnahan, dean of students and Senate adviser. In the presidential election, Richardson received 191 votes, defeating Jason Kiefer, junior politi-

cal science major, who received 148 votes.

The margin by which the new vice president claimed victory was even closer than the presidential election. Jason Young, senior kinesiology major, beat Nicole Hollenberg, sophomore biology major, with 181 votes to her 145.

Only one person ran for secretary and treasurer, respectively.

"It was a hard, hard effort and campaign, but it was well worth the effort," Stephen Bishop, junior economics finance major, said sarcastically about becoming treasurer.

Heather Hoyle, senior biology major, said she was happy to run for secretary unopposed. The new officers have several visions for next year's Senate, but the underlying theme seems to be better organization.

"The office [of vice president] has been sort of inconsistent," Young said. "I wanted to bring some stability. I want to make Senate a tighter ship."

Richardson's main goal is to better represent the student body of Southern.

"I am interested in getting the students heard," she said. "Taking care of the student body is what Senate is all about. I want to make sure that we [Senate] get started off on the right foot. I want to make sure every [senator] attends every meeting."

All officers were sworn in Wednesday at the Senate's final meeting of the year. □

FIGHTING FLAMES



NOFFADOL FAOTHONG/The Chart

Mark Box of the Joplin Fire Department puts out a fire in the parking lot by the Biology Pond on Tuesday morning. The cause of the fire was an electrical short. The car was considered a total loss.

Electrical fire leaves student's car totaled

By ELIZABETH SCHURMAN
ASSISTANT EDITOR

After all of the smoke was gone, Andrea Hermann's car was totaled from a fire that started in her dashboard on Tuesday in Lot 33.

The car was reported to be on fire at 9:50 a.m. by Mike Fox, a mechanical maintenance supervisor, who then reported the fire to campus security after attempting to extinguish it along with Gary Edwards, mechanical maintenance, and Bob Frost, auto mechanic. The Joplin Fire Department then

was notified and dispatched to the parking lot by the Biology Pond.

Students walking out from Matthews Hall were surprised to see smoke so close to their own cars.

"I was walking out of Matthews and I saw smoke and I thought my friend's car was on fire," said Kerri Gilmore, freshman education major. "It wasn't her car, though, it was just parked next to it. My friend's car had ash all over it."

The 1984 Chevrolet Impala owned by Hermann, a sophomore undeclared major, was on fire for about 10 minutes before the

JFD extinguished the flames. About 10 minutes later, another fire ignited in the dashboard of the car.

"The car appears to be totaled," said Craig Richardson, campus security officer.

The cause of the fire was determined to be an electrical short that started in the engine department.

"It was definitely an electrical fire," said Mark Box, of the JFD.

According to Hermann, she had not had any previous problems with the car except for needing a jump after leaving a headlight on. □

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Students participate in exchange program

By JEFF BILLINGTON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

The International Student Exchange Program will be giving some Missouri Southern students the chance to experience new world cultures this fall.

Nadine Schmidt, ISEP coordinator, said this is the time of the year students find out where they will be going as part of ISEP.

"We've gotten back the results from the ISEP national office about where our students will be going next year," she said. "We actually still have a couple of students who just applied recently; they can apply up until May 1."

Schmidt said this is the third year Southern has been a member of the program. She said to participate, students do not have to be

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MISSOURI SOUTHERN FOUNDATION



MATT MADURA/The Chart
Sue Billingsly's retirement will be effective as of June 1.

Founding president's wife retires after 37 years of service

Current assistant to fill spot

By ELIZABETH SCHURMAN
ASSISTANT EDITOR

After 37 years of dedication to Missouri Southern, Sue Billingsly, director of the Missouri Southern Foundation, is retiring.

Most of Billingsly's life has been involved in education. She began teaching at a rural school after graduation from high school. She taught 28 students ranging from grades one through eight.

"Needless to say, I learned a lot that year about education and so did my students," Billingsly said.

Survival of her first year of teaching led Billingsly to continue for 15 more years in the elementary, secondary, and college levels. She also taught at Pittsburg State University as an education instructor.

For the past 17 years, Billingsly has been associated with Southern — first as a president's wife and next as director of the Foundation. Her husband, Leon Billingsly, was the founding president of Southern. He died in 1978.

"One of the most rewarding things has been to see my husband's dreams fulfilled," Billingsly said. "It has been a wonderful experience."

As director, Billingsly has worked with professional educators, professional business

and corporate executives, legislators, faculty and staff, and many friends of the College.

The Foundation is a non-profit organization that funds programs at Southern not financially supported by the state. Faculty and student development are two main areas the Foundation emphasizes.

"All of the individuals that support us had one goal in common — the financial development of MSSC," Billingsly said.

Billingsly's retirement will be effective June 1, when Curtis Betebenner, currently the assistant director of the Foundation, fills the spot.

"I am very happy to have the opportunity to have the director's position," Betebenner said. "Sue has done an excellent job and I

hope to continue with some degree of success. It will take a lot of work."

One change that will be occurring is a new assistant to the director. The Foundation is currently searching for a person to fill this position and hopes to have someone hired by early summer.

Betebenner grew up in Alba and graduated from Webb City High School. He is a 1975 graduate of Southern, and is glad to be back in his home area.

"The most rewarding role I have played is to see the campus grow from a student body of 750 students at Joplin Junior College to the present enrollment of 5,500 with a beautiful campus and a dream that I shared with my husband 37 years ago," Billingsly said. □

Arts Showcase:

Art students' work can be viewed at Spiva Art Gallery this week

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SECURITY REPORT

1 4/21/99 Webster Hall 10:00 a.m.

Judith Miller reported that she had exited the elevator on the second floor of Webster Hall and that the floor was very slick and she had on heels, unknown how high, and fell on her left side. She went on to class and later drove herself to St. John's Hospital where they informed her that her left shoulder was separated.

2 4/27/99 Lot #33 9:50 a.m.

A car fire was reported by Mike Fox. He advised he had the Physical Plant and he noticed some smoke coming from the Pavilion area. He found a 1984 Chevy Impala on fire. Along with Gary Edwards and Bob Frost, he attempted to extinguish the fire. Fox also notified security and the Joplin Fire Department. The fire started in the engine compartment and was caused by an electrical short. Hermann advised that the car ran fine and had not given her any problems except for leaving her headlights on and needing a jump start the day before.

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ISEP: Many majors to be represented in exchange program

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from any particular major.

"This year we had English majors, business majors, we've had criminal justice majors, and ecology majors, we have a whole variety of students who go," she said.

Schmidt said even though 11 students from Southern participated in the program this year, the upcoming year will see only six or seven.

"I think it's probably going to settle between six and eight students a year," she said, "which is higher than average. Most universities of our size that participate in ISEP have about five students going out."

Schmidt said this upcoming year Southern will be sending students to Sweden, The Netherlands, Korea, and Finland.

And then there will be students coming from France, Sweden, Germany, and Korea.

Brett Wilson, junior biology major, will be going to Finland for the fall semester.

"I had always wanted to be an exchange student," he said. "The opportunity just came about and I took it."

Wilson said while there he will be taking classes related to his major. He plans to join clubs to help learn more about the people and country.

"I've talked to many people, they said it is just an unbelievable experience," he said. "I think it will benefit me in life."

Schmidt said others who will be going abroad include Matt Godsey, freshman international business major, who will be going to Sweden, and Mike Raska, senior communications major, who will be going to Korea.

Raska is currently an ISEP student at the University of Trier in Germany.

"Universities apply to be members of ISEP," Schmidt said.

"There are about 100 universities in the United States that participate, and then there are about 100 universities all over the world."

Schmidt said when an educational institution agrees to participate in ISEP, it has to follow certain guidelines.

"The basic one of which is that you agree to exchange students among the members of ISEP abroad," she said. "So American students go out to those countries and those countries send their students here."

Schmidt said as far as the cost of the program is concerned, the College does help out.

"The College pays a membership fee to belong to ISEP, and we also usually pay the application fee

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Brett Wilson
Junior biology major

on behalf of the students," she said. "So what students have to pay is basically what they would pay if they were here."

"They pay 15 credit hours and room and board in U.S. dollars to Missouri Southern, and then when they go abroad that entitles them to the equivalent of a full load of classes and room and board at the host institution," Schmidt said. "So they never have to worry about transferring currency."

"All our students who have been on ISEP exchange have had a really good experience," she said. "It's much more affordable than traditional study abroad programs." □

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Jacobs retiring with many wonderful memories



Marilyn Jacobs, associate professor of nursing, is retiring from Missouri Southern after 25 years of service.

New opportunities abound in nursing

By ANGIE WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

A familiar face of 25 years will be leaving Missouri Southern when this semester comes to a close.

Marilyn Jacobs, associate professor of nursing, will retire from Southern as the spring semester ends. Jacobs said she'll miss the students the most.

"I love the students," she said. "They're the main reason we're here."

After being a nurse's assistant during high school, Jacobs knew she wanted to be a nurse.

Jacobs came to Southern in 1974 because she had an opportunity and decided to take it.

"That's the one thing about nursing," she said. "There's so many opportunities."

One new opportunity Jacobs has been presented with is to go back to clinical practice as a nurse practitioner.

"I love the students, but I also love the patient care," she said.

Jacobs will be leaving here with many wonderful memories. Smiling, she recalls one that stands out in her mind. It was the time she accidentally shredded some ungraded tests, and at the end of the semester, the students gave her a tin containing shredded-up scantrons.

Although she'll be leaving, Jacobs will still be a firm supporter of the College.

"I'll still be supporting the nursing program," she said. "It's an excellent program."

Dr. Barbara Box, director of nursing, believes the nursing department will deeply feel Jacobs's absence.

She said Jacobs was the department's consultant, the person everyone depended on to help clarify the practices, standards, and educational matters presented by the Missouri State Board of Nursing.

Box said Jacobs had a profound influence on students — she knew them personally and developed a wonderful instructor/student relationship with them.

"She had a fabulous memory for students," Box said.

"She was able to keep in contact with them."

Box said even though Jacobs' retirement will be the department's loss, Jacobs will still be supporting the program and Southern.

"Marilyn will always be a part of the department of nursing, even if she isn't with us," Box said.

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Newspaper captures fifth consecutive title

For the fifth year in a row, *The Chart* has edged out Truman State University to win the "Mark of Excellence" award in the Society of Professional Journalists' Region 7.

The award, for the best All-Around Non-Daily Newspaper in 1998, was presented Saturday at the Region 7 conference at Kansas State University. *The Chart* submitted issues from March 13, Oct. 9, and Dec. 11.

Region 7 consists of colleges and universities in Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, and Nebraska. Central Missouri State University finished third in the competition, behind Truman.

"*The Chart* has good writing throughout, is well designed and colorful," judges wrote. "It's an easy read about campus people, news, and editorial opinion. The pictures and graphics are well used."

The Chart now will compete for the national "Mark of Excellence" award, to be presented Oct. 5 at the SPJ convention in Indianapolis, against the winners of the other 11 regions. *The Chart* won the national award for 1995 and 1996.

Noppadol Paothong, director of photography for *The Chart*, won first place in sports photography for Region 7. His photo of senior wide receiver Tyson Sims, published on Nov. 13, now enters the competition for the national award.

Honors convocation set for Wednesday morning

The 23rd annual honors convocation at Missouri Southern will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Taylor Auditorium.

More than 500 students will be named to the Missouri Iota Chapter of Alpha Chi, a national academic honor society, and more than 50 others will be recognized as outstanding in their academic departments.

Four students will receive special awards of recognition in addition to those receiving the Spencer-Barlett Respect Awards and the Outstanding Graduate Awards. Graduates from the honors program also will be recognized.

Following the ceremony, the students and their families are invited to attend a reception in Phinney Hall.

Paris travelers present experiences to campus

The students who spent spring break in Paris as part of the International Media Seminar class will make a public presentation at 9 a.m. Wednesday in Webster Hall auditorium.

The students will discuss their experiences in the "City of Light" March 21-28 and show video taken by Donnie Simon, a senior communications major. Other speakers include Aaron Deslatis, Joetta Wigger, Jeff Wells, Brin Cavan, and Scott Haar.

The speakers will discuss the different aspects they learned about culture and foreign media while in Paris.

They will cover the aspects which were presented in seminars, presentations, and the personal experiences of the members of the group.

Students, faculty, and classes are invited to attend the presentation.

Get inside real life X-Files with parapsychologist

Parapsychologist Loyd Auerbach will present an illuminating look into the dimmest and most misunderstood reaches of the spirit world at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 6 in Webster Hall auditorium.

"Exploring the Real-life X-Files Ghost" is free and open to the public. The Campus Activities Board is sponsoring the program.

Through the use of slides and video footage from his actual case investigations, Auerbach will attempt to separate fact from fiction and hallucination from apparition. For more than 16 years, he has investigated cases of reported paranormal phenomena, helping people understand what may or may not be going on in their lives.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Diagnosis changes everything for Pulliam

By ANGIE WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

After being diagnosed with melanoma cancer, Dr. Cameron Pulliam has decided to retire after 39 years in education to spend time with family and friends.

"Pulliam, director of clinical experiences and student teaching, was diagnosed last summer with level four melanoma cancer, which means the cancer had penetrated far enough to release cancer cells into the blood stream. So far, no evidence that the cancer has spread can be found, but a melanoma cancer cell can find a place to recess then hit all of a sudden. This could take as little as a few months, or it could never relapse. There is no cure for melanoma, and is fatal if it spreads.

This form of cancer is very virulent or fast acting, so one year is the maximum life expectancy if the cancer spreads. Pulliam, however, has a surprisingly optimistic attitude about his entire situation. In fact, he can even joke about it.

"The only way to treat melanoma is with sharp instruments and stitches," he says.

According to Pulliam, this has changed his whole perspective on life because every day between his three-month check-ups doesn't know what to expect. He has begun preparing, just in case. He made a living will, paid off his debts, refinanced his house, and decided to retire from his job.

"Every hour I have to spend with my wife, children, and

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I'll miss this place.

Dr. Cameron Pulliam
Director of Clinical Experience

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grandchildren is more precious," he said.

Pulliam hopes to become a house-husband now and be there when his 10-year-old daughter, Sarah, comes home from school. He also plans to help fix up their 20 acres.

"I tell everyone that I'm going to spend the first year cleaning the garage, because that's probably how long it's going to take me," he said.

Pulliam would also like to go back to college to study paleontology, because the field wasn't advanced as it is now in his undergraduate days. Pulliam would like to continue teaching, but one renegade cell changes everything.

"I'll miss this place (Missouri Southern)," he said. "My career here has been the icing on the cake for me."

Pulliam said although there is never a cut-off date to determine whether the cancer will reoccur, he is on an emotional roller coaster, which is another factor as to why he is retiring.

"I guess the reason that I'm retiring is because I got a bad sunburn when I was 8 years old," he said.

Dr. Deborah Pulliam, assistant professor of teacher education and wife and colleague of Pulliam, said on a professional level she'll miss him because of his wide variety of experience, but on a personal basis she's looking forward to it.

"It will give us more time, and it's good for him," she said.

Students find safe tan in bottle

By ELIZABETH SCHURMAN
ASSISTANT EDITOR

People looking for a safer way to tan might look into using a non-toxic, organic color additive called canthaxanthin.

Canthaxanthin, a carotenoid, is a biological pigment for living organisms and is needed for certain metabolic reactions.

The molecules attach to the layers of fat cells in the skin directly under the skin. The guidelines for taking the pills are approximated through a person's weight. The saturation period is around four to six weeks, depending on a person's fatty layer of skin.

"Depending on skin tones, tanning pills tend to saturate at different times and also color different tones," said Kristin Banks, a sophomore communications major at Missouri Southern and assistant manager of Suzanne's Natural Foods.

"Some people see results quicker and people turn different tones of red."

Saturation is achieved when the entire body has changed to an orange/bronze color, easily detected in the face, hands, and feet.

Banks said the pill is a healthy way to tan.

"Customers come back to get their second bottle, and each year more and more people turn to this over tanning in a tanning bed," she said. "Undoubtedly, it is a healthy way to have a summer tan all year round."

Eden Aber, senior mathematics major, takes the pills and believes they are worth it.

"I'm taking a particular type of tanning pill, and even though it's expensive, it's worth it," Aber



Missouri Southern students have found tans in bottles such as these at Suzanne's Natural Foods in Joplin.

said. "They work really well, and I can't imagine tanning without them."

Capsules are supposed to be taken with meals and at different times of the day. It is important not to skip a capsule during the saturation period.

One reported side effect occurs when the palms of the hands and the bottom of the feet turn an orange/bronze color due to taking an excessive amount.

Holly Adams, owner of Hollyberry's Herb and Gift Shoppe, has been taking the pill since last spring and claims never to have had side effects.

"I haven't experienced any side effects," Adams said. "In fact, it leaves my skin a nice golden-brown color."

Aber has noticed only one slight side effect, which doesn't seem to bother her at all.

"The only thing I noticed is that I have to eat every time I take the pill," she said.

One of the arguments for the pill is that it decreases the amount of time a person needs to be in the sun or in a tanning bed to achieve the desired color and helps prevent long-term sun damage to the skin. Adams, who is

fair skinned, said the pill helps protect her from being sunburned.

"There are several reasons why someone might take this," she said. "Some people use it for the high antioxidants that it contains, and some use it to tan."

Questions may be asked about the safety of the pill, but it hasn't been tested yet.

"There is nothing harmful in the pills," Banks said. "They are very beneficial to the daily diet because it contains tons of beta-carotene."

The FDA has not approved or certified canthaxanthin as a color additive. In deciding whether a color additive should be approved by the FDA, the agency considers composition and properties of the additive, the amount likely to be consumed, and the probable long-term safety effects.

The FDA tries to find reasonable certainty of no harm of the color additive under its proposed conditions of use. Color additives exempt from certification include pigments derived from natural resources such as vegetables, minerals, or animals. Canthaxanthin can be found in animals and vegetables.

Student LifeBeat



These special features are designed specifically for you — the students. If you have story suggestions please call 625-9311

SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Gubera braves elements raising for Carver monument

Professor brings home traveling trophy after raising almost \$500

By JEFF WELLS
MANAGING EDITOR

Braving adverse conditions, Dr. Conrad Gubera, professor of sociology, hiked 10.2 miles through the back roads of Newton County from Neosho to Diamond to raise money for the George Washington Carver National Monument.

Gubera was among the 350 participants April 17 in the park's annual Earth Day celebration and its local March for Parks event.

The national event is sponsored by the National Parks

and Conservation Association.

"It is a non-profit citizens organization with the sole purpose of promoting national parks," said monument superintendent William Jackson.

Gubera raised almost \$500 of the \$2,600 total.

"I represented a lot of pledge money from Missouri Southern," he said.

It was Gubera's fifth year to participate in the program. A challenge from Jackson originally prodded Gubera to walk.

Other events included walks of 1.5, 3, and 6.2 miles.

Gubera walked with Jackson reversing the route Carver



Dr. Conrad Gubera
Professor of Sociology

walked to Neosho for education.

"This year, since it was such an ugly, nasty, cold, brutish, and horrible day, really not that many showed up and that's why I won," Gubera said.

The weather did not deter the crowds in all events.

"Even though the weather was atrocious, we had more participants than ever," Jackson said.

"Each year it grows."

For his efforts, Gubera will be caretaker of a traveling trophy for one year.

"This year we raised more money than anybody else, the Friends of the Park at Missouri Southern," he said.

Other groups participating included the Dogwood Trailblazers and the Carver Birthplace District Association. Agriculture was the theme of this year's event.

Executive Editor Jeff Billington contributed to this story.

OUR EDITORIAL

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

New executive needs to strive for bigger goals

Dear President Richardson: We here at *The Chart* wish to congratulate you on your new appointment to power. With the promotion comes responsibility. To help you avoid some of the pitfalls that this year's Senate encountered: no Casino Night, three vice presidents, two secretaries, etc., we've devised a few tips to help get you through.

First is to overcome the constant lack of motivation among the senators, including the officers. To have an apathetic president is to have an apathetic Senate. So don't lose that enthusiasm — don't get so involved with pushing your own causes, whether it be diabetes or CAB that you forget that you're the supreme representative of the student body. The same goes for the vice-president, when you go through three vice-presidents in a single term something is obviously not keeping there interests.

And when your senators slack off their responsibilities, then you're doing the student population a great disservice. It is you who has the role of mediator between the students and the administration. And for future reference, calling our College president by his first name at a Board of Regents meeting is not considered by most as a respectable thing to do.

Give your senators a reason to come to meetings, even if the reason is nothing more than cookies or drinks...none of which were very evident this semester. But make the meeting worth the senators' time.

It is time to return the rank of Senator to a level of respectability. The only way to ensure the success of your reign as president is to have people who are willing to get their hands dirty. Anyone can go to a party and get 186 signatures, but names on a paper don't always lend themselves to good work habits.

When the majority of the Senate meetings consist of voting in new senators to replace the ones who no longer desire to be a part of the organization, there is not much of an incentive for the senators to continue to come to the meetings week after week.

After following this year's leadership, it is obvious that you don't have big shoes to fill. Although the Student Senate has the possibility to exceed its previous shortcomings, it takes some organization and a little tenacity. We, along with a great number of our fellow students, do not wish to see another year go by without a Casino Night. □

YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall, fax them to (417) 625-9742, or send via e-mail. Our e-mail address: Chart@mailmssc.edu. Letters are due by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

Career services, yes or no?

The Career Services office touts the number of referrals and interviews they facilitate. And they do a fine job of handling that volume of paperwork. However, I am puzzled by the lack of information on how many people actually find employment as a result of said referrals/interviews.

Granted, some recruiters might only be seeking one or two candidates. It would seem there is a pretty large haystack at Missouri Southern.

Realistically, Career Services can't help everyone find work. Recruiters and other employers can't openly discriminate when advertising for available positions. However, some of them DO discriminate after interviewing, doing credit checks, or

reviewing driving records. Age and gender information are available, thus the screening process ensues. There are laws that are supposed to prevent this from happening, but employers have found clever ways to get around them.

Which, in turn, brings us back to Career Services. Are recruiters/employers that come to the Southern campus looking for someone to "fit the mold"? Or are they looking for someone that is adept at adapting? Do they want someone to complement their palette of talent? These questions are likely to go unanswered until "the missing statistic" is revealed.

Richard Shaw
BSBA '95

ANDREA'S ANGLE



STUDENT SENATE
(your vacation is officially over)

EDITORS COLUMN

Friends reach crossroad, embrace new phase in life and love

Since the beginning of my college career three years ago, so many things have happened that have changed my life and perspective on other people.

Working for *The Chart* since day one has definitely made me appreciate many different types of people. It has taught me much about the kind of qualities I would like to possess, and, at times, has shown me some attributes I can live without.

Koinonia Christian Campus Ministry has also been at the base of my experience at Missouri Southern since the first week, and it is through Koinonia that I came to have so many of the memories and experiences that have defined my college life. One of those more defining experiences has been living with my roommates.

I guess I've become especially sentimental about this since December, when it came to light that three of the four of us would be leaving our home before the fall semester.

A May wedding is snatching my best buddy Laura away within a matter of weeks. Farra is graduating and moving home to Springfield, and after my August wedding, Bethany will be the only original one left.

A musical montage akin to something one would see on daytime television was running through my mind just the other day, and I realized that, as an only child, this is the closest I've come to having my family move away.

I've pretty much co-habitated with Bethany and Laura since my first semester when we all lived on campus.

They taught me the ropes of college and that sleeping on the floor to stay up late, eating cafeteria cereal every meal because it was free, and going any distance to be a friend were rewarding.

When we moved into our Seventh Street house, we bonded over inventive ways to kill roaches and how to get the mothball smell out of old furniture.

Since we've lived in luxury in our subdivision, there have been numerous hurdles to jump and we have experienced so many triumphs and a few defeats over the past year and a half. Funny

how those defeats didn't stick out in my musical montage.

I just think about Farra's grumpy "I just woke up" look that more often than not just makes us laugh. I think about playing in the snow and jumping on our trampoline (which was assembled by hard labor and people working until the wee hours of the morning while we struggled not to wake the neighbors). I remember Laura dancing around the living room when the guy finally got his girl in *Fiddler on the Roof* and the four of us trying to feed and entertain multitudes of visitors at all hours and under all circumstances. I think about hearing Bethany sneak out the door at 2 a.m. because someone called and needed her, and I also think about being in a crowded room and knowing it was her I heard laughing above everyone else.

I have had the most amazing and rewarding roommate experience of anyone I know, and I am positive it's because God was in control of our decisions and situations. As we start traveling down paths that don't allow us to see one another every day, I reflect thankfully on the time we've spent together and trust that the new girls moving in, Elizabeth, Kristin, and Kelly, will come to know our home as theirs. □



Ginny Dumond
Editor-in-Chief

IN PERSPECTIVE

Out of shape America can't blame weight on schedule

Last month, the World Health Organization announced its recent findings: 53 percent of the American population is 10 to 20 pounds overweight. One-third of the 53 percent were deemed clinically obese, having greater than 30 percent body fat. Over time, being overweight causes health problems.

Due to our sedentary lifestyles, hypokinetic disease (disease of inactivity) has crept into our society. We have lost the "hard work mentality" of our genetic upline. We are an automated society that pushes buttons rather than exerting effort. As a result, we are experiencing increased incidence of heart disease, chronic high blood pressure, diabetes, hypoglycemia, and lower back pain. All of these hypokinetic diseases can be avoided or managed through style of life modification. We as Americans need to know that we must change our diets and incorporate exercise on a regular basis to achieve this end.

If we eat every day, we need to exercise every day. Aerobic exercise (which is exercise that increases blood-oxygen levels) produces many powerful physiological and psychological benefits. Physiologically, aerobic exercise helps us increase our energy levels. It allows our bodies to become leaner by reducing body fat. It increases our metabolisms so we can burn more calories while resting, working, and playing. Finally, it slows the aging process; the increased blood flow discourages harmful plaque build up in our arteries, a disease called arteriosclerosis.

Psychologically, aerobic exercise aids the development of our rational problem-solving mechanism, making us more productive and happier citizens. It acts as a stress release mechanism, helping us deal with stress on a daily basis. It increases our self-esteem, giving us a more positive outlook on life.

The benefits of exercise seem to be unlimited. The best types of aerobic exercises are the ones that utilize the most muscle mass — walking, running, rowing, cross country skiing, step aerobics, and Tae Bo. Any time we can get up on our feet and carry our body weight, we burn more calories than exercises that don't require us to support our own body weight.

How much aerobic exercise is enough? Try to burn 2,000 calories aerobically each week, approximately 300 calories per workout. The following exercises burn approximately 300 calories: running three miles in 30 minutes, walking briskly for 40 minutes, step aerobics and Tae Bo for 30 minutes. Obviously, the greater the intensity and duration, the greater the benefit.

There are six keys to training that can help us formulate a plan for working out: **Frequency** — work out every 48 hours, or we will start to decondition; **Intensity** — work out hard enough to attain a target heart rate of 120 to 180 beats per minute; **Time** — work out a minimum of 20 to 30 minutes each bout; **Progression** — start slow and progress over time working toward 70 to 85 percent of the functional capacity of our maximum heart rate (220 - age x 70 percent); **Overload** — to improve our aerobic fitness levels, increase in either frequency, intensity, or time, but never all three at once. Know that we have to hurt a little bit to bring about physiological adaptation; **Specificity** — to start our exercise routines, concentrate on aerobic exercise only, burning fat off our bodies. Then start some mus-

cular endurance strength training to tone our bodies. Remember, it takes 80 to 90 days before we can see noticeable results, so be disciplined and patient. It took time to put the weight on, and it will take time to take the weight off.

People need to realize that their focus should be placed on both caloric expenditure and caloric intake. Everyone's lifetime goal should be to maintain his/her weight within 10 pounds of their ideal body weight. To figure ideal body weight, a fat test must be given. A fat test will measure the current percent body fat. Once the percentage of body fat is determined, ideal body weight can be calculated. Formula: 1) Fat Wt. - Body Wt. x percent Fat; 2) Body Wt. - Fat Wt. = Lean Body Mass; 3) Ideal Percent Fat — converted to decimal form; 4) Ideal Body Wt. = Lean Body Mass / (1.0 - Ideal Percent Fat).

Typically, most men should be 12 to 15 percent body fat and most women should be 20 to 22 percent. The anthropometric (height-weight) charts provided by most insurance companies can be antiquated and misleading. These charts simply don't take into account the individual variability of the human being.

The main excuse most of us have for not exercising is that we do not have enough time, we are too busy. Everyone has the same amount of time.

What we do with that time is the determining factor in our fight against heart disease, the No. 1 killer in our society. Developing aerobic fitness is quite easy and must become a priority. Now is the time to do something for ourselves.

"The journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step."

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Therefore, aerobic exercise can be a cure for what ails us. □



Bill Cooke
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COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Luebber balances life, school

By ASHLEY WOLF
CHART REPORTER

Northpark Mall shoppers have probably seen Rebecca Luebber, junior communications major, at work.

Currently, she is employed by Calvin Klein to encourage the sale of its products and represent its fragrances at Famous Barr.

"I really think of myself as an educator more than a salesperson in regards to fragrance," Luebber said.

When she is not promoting Calvin Klein, Luebber is a freelance model. She enjoys working the modeling ramp, showing clothing for designers, and coordinating the event.

Luebber also works at Ernie Williamson Music House in Joplin. Tracking down hard-to-find music, supporting musical programs, and encouraging young musicians are a few of the things she does.

"This is my love job," Luebber said.

That is not surprising since she is a musician herself. Luebber has traveled to Europe twice with performing choirs, and is an active vocalist.

She has a paid soloist position at a local church, is a guest soloist at Arde's Villa, and performs for area clubs and civic organizations.

"Being able to entertain people and make them share a moment is a powerful thing," Luebber said. "I love to touch souls with lyrics; to feel the exchange of energy between myself and the audience is magic!"

She is involved with the Heartland Opera Theatre and Jazz in Joplin.

"I encourage others to discover areas of music they may have overlooked, and encourage young people to stretch their abilities and learn from the best," Luebber said.

She also loves the theatre, and is active in the Joplin Little Theatre. Much of her time and energy are devoted to these musical and theatrical organizations.

Luebber enjoys traveling, and said every place she has visited has been unique and full of opportunity. However, she said New York was "heaven."

"Broadway is there, need I say more?" she said.

In addition to all of these activities, Luebber is a mom "first, last, and always." She has three children, Lindsey, 21; Wyatt, 13; and Carly, 9. Lindsey is sophomore at Syracuse University.

"She finds it amusing Mom's back in school," Luebber said.

Wyatt is active in athletics and enjoys being with his friends. Carly, 5-foot-2, is a tall third grader, and enjoys the theatre, just like her mother.

Luebber is a single mother seven and a half months out of the year. Her husband, Steve, is a professional pitching coach for the Florida Marlins, and is gone from spring training time until the end of the baseball season.

He also played professional baseball. His involvement in baseball brought about some unique opportunities for travel.

"A very special time was living in different locations in Venezuela for several winters and also Puerto Rico," Luebber said.

Luebber has attended the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash., the University of Kansas, and the Shenandoah Conservatory of Music in Winchester, Va.

She was once a voice major with a speech and theatre minor.

"Communications seems to incorporate



Rebecca Luebber, junior communications major, believes students should be open to learning in the workplace.

the skills I've been cultivating through life," Luebber said.

She has experience in this area. Luebber works in radio and television creating commercials and as an on-camera spokesperson for organizations like the American Cancer Society.

She offers this advice to other students.

"Keep feeding your mind," Luebber said. "Be open to learning from each other or in the general workplace.

Explore areas outside your major; variety and curiosity are essential. You can learn from anyone."

Luebber admires people who strive to be the best they can be.

"They never settle; each day holds something exciting," she said. "My mom lived like that."

Luebber's major life accomplishment is being her own person, as it seems more and more difficult to "walk your own path." She lives her life by this philosophy.

"The only thing that is truly life and death is life and death," Luebber said.

"Everything in between can be worked out. Giving oneself time and being gentle on oneself heals many a crisis." □

ASSESSMENT AND INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH

Fay focuses on dreams

By KIM WILLIAMS
CHART REPORTER

It may be hard leaving one's own country and starting a new life in the United States, but that didn't stop one of Missouri Southern's new research associates.

Miriam Fay is originally from Santa Fe de Bogota, Colombia.

"I am very pleased to be a part of the working team of the institution," she said.

Fay, a research associate for the center for assessment and institutional research, moved to the United States in 1982. Her husband was born and raised in Joplin, but she met him in South America.

Her husband was vacationing in South America when they met. After he returned to the United States, they telephoned one another and were pen pals for a year and a half.

"He decided the phone calls were too expensive and he needed a souvenir from South America," Fay said laughing. "That souvenir was me."

Fay graduated high school from Alvernia Collegiate School in South America. She agrees Southern should change its name from college to university.

"Because in South America and in many western European countries such as France, Italy, and Greece, college means junior college or community college," Fay said.

After high school, she received a bachelor of science law degree from St. Thomas University in Santa Fe de Bogota. She then worked for the Secretary of Labor for three or four years. Fay got her master's degree in human resources at Javerina University in South America.



Miriam Fay
Research Associate

Javerina University is a "very prestigious university," and she recommends it for student exchange.

Later, after moving to the United States, Fay taught Spanish in private schools. Since she wanted to receive her professional certificate, she entered the master's degree program at Stetson University in Florida. Fay earned her master's of education degree in guidance counseling, and worked in school systems in Florida and Oklahoma. The opportunity then arose to work at Southern.

As a research associate for the College, Fay provides support for Dr. Delores Honey, director of assessment and institutional research. She uses databases for state and federal reporting, student tracking, retention studies, student outcomes, and program review. Fay also helps the director in planning and coordinating major field assessments.

As a whole, she finds Southern a "teaching and learning-oriented campus," and thinks larger universities focus on research.

"Here we focus on doing our best and getting ahead in our field," Fay said. "[In other universities] the professors and students focus more on what other people are doing in their field."

At Southern, she believes students receive practical instruction rather than theoretical and quantitative.

Fay's father has had the greatest influence on her life, even though he died when she was 9 years old. She still has in the back of her mind his teachings and his high standards and expectations. Her father would tell her about careers and help her "forge some dreams for the future."

Fay has some helpful advice for students.

"Every college student should follow his or her dreams," she said. "A student with no dreams is a student without motivation."

Fay thinks students need to find out what they would love to get up and do every day because that is the objective in life. □

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Around Campus

Campus Calendar

If your organization has an event you would like published, call Erin Sellers at 625-9311.

Spring Fling

■ Starting Monday CAB and other organizations will be hosting various events. The festivities will end Friday with a campus-wide picnic, with displays from several organizations.

Monday

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2 p.m.-

Argo Gladatoria, a performance troop from the Czech Republic, will perform on the front campus.

Tuesday

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noon-

Star Wars trivia game will be held on BSC 2nd floor.

Wednesday

5

6:30 p.m.-

Residence Hall is sponsoring a block party in front of the Student Life Center.

Thursday

6

8 p.m.-

Lloyd Auerbach, paranormal investigator, will speak on "The Real X-Files" in Webster Hall Auditorium.

CONTINUING EDUCATION OFFICE

Learning self-defense earns students credit

By BRIAN WIRTH
STAFF WRITER

Beginning next semester, students at Missouri Southern will be able to learn how to protect themselves better.

Southern will be adding self-defense training to the continuing education schedule. The class will be held in the Anderson Justice Center's multi-purpose room on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 to 4 p.m. The cost of the class will be \$200 per semester.

The course is listed in the new fall schedule book. Two continuing education credits per semester will be offered. The class can also be petitioned to count for the physical activity requirement.

Students will be able to go through scenario-based training that previews real world situations and predicaments

in a relaxed, controlled environment.

Strength and flexibility training, principles of movement, breath meditation, joint locks, vital point manipulation, escapes, blocks and interceptions, breakfalls, strikes, throws, pins, transport and control technique, counters, weapons, disarms, legal considerations, and much more will be taught in the class. Benefits that can be gained from taking this class include awareness, confidence, assertiveness, concentration, self-discipline, increased coordination, and decreased stress level.

The classes will be led by former police officer and heavyweight boxer John J. Karriman, who attended Southern's Police Academy in 1985-86. Karriman has been training in the martial arts for nearly 35 years. He began training at the age of 5 with his father, who lived and studied in Japan. Karriman has also trained under many

martial arts legends and holds several teaching certificates.

"In this class, students will learn how to use their head as well as their body," he said.

Karriman suggests that students who have already had some martial arts training take the class anyway.

"Even if you have studied in a dojo, it doesn't really prepare you for fighting situations," he said. "Students with previous skill should come see what they are missing."

Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of the school of technology, helped in getting this class started.

"This class is for everyone, not just criminal justice majors," Spurlin said.

"From one session you will learn more than you already knew," Karriman said. "It's available, and we have the credentials to make taking this class worth your while." □



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John Karriman, self defense instructor, demonstrates a move at his studio on Wednesday evening.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD

Food, fanfare help eliminate finals stresses

Spring Fling kicks off next week with various activities for students

By ANGIE WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

Next week begins the end-of-school celebrations as the Campus Activities Board and other campus organizations begin Spring Fling.

Starting Monday and continuing through next weekend, various events will be helping provide a week full of entertainment and distraction just before final examinations begin on May 14.

A theatrical/comedy group called Argo Gladatoria from the Czech Republic will be performing at 8 p.m. in the front campus.

"They're so much fun," said Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities. "It's instructional, but fun."

On Wednesday, the Residence Hall Association will hold a block party in front of the Student Life Center starting at 6:30 p.m. It is open to all students, but non-residence students will have to pay the regular dinner price of \$3.73. There will also be a three-on-three volleyball tournament.

"It's a good break for students, and it's a good time for residence and non-residence students to get together," said Joetta Wigger, a senior student assistant (SA).

Thursday night, Lloyd Auerbach, a paranormal investigator, will give a free lecture in Webster Hall auditorium at 8 p.m. titled "The Real X-Files."

Friday, May 7 will be the all-campus picnic on the front lawn from 10:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. where organizations will promote their clubs. The Chemistry Club will sell tie-dyed T-shirts, and the Student Nurses' Association will sponsor a bloodmobile. The Student Senate will announce the winner of its "Month of Caring" competition at noon.

At 5 p.m. Friday, May 7, the CAB will leave to go to St. Louis to spend the weekend. Plans are to attend a Cardinals game, see the Arch, Union Station, and the Botanical Gardens, then return on Sunday. Cost is \$40 a person, and tickets are available in Room 112 in the Billingsly Student Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every day. For those not going to St. Louis, a spring dance will be held outside, weather permitting, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday, May 7.

Also, throughout the entire week, the National Letter Carriers will be collecting non-perishable goods for its eighth annual food drive. The CAB encourages everyone to donate by dropping off the goods on the first floor of the BSC by the bookstore.

"This week is to just kind of get people in the mood for the end of school," Carlisle said. □

TELLING SECRETS



MATT MADURA/The Chart

Standing on the track in Hughes Stadium, Cord Franks, 5, whispers a joke into Tweety Bird's ear after finishing the March of Dimes race Saturday morning. The proceeds from the race go to charity.

STUDENT SUPPORT CENTER

New program gives would-be students a second chance

With help, students meet requirements

By MELODY LANING
STAFF WRITER

A new Missouri Southern pilot program, evolved around helping "at risk" high school students, is set to begin in the fall.

The Southern Success program will be just one step involving a problem common among high school students interested in attending college.

Southern's admissions requirements require at least an 18 on the ACT or a rank in the upper half of the student's high school graduating class. Students not meeting these requirements are not admitted, but they can request a review of their application.

Some faculty members at the College have expressed concern with this admissions policy and believe it is not fair to the students who sloughed off during high school but are willing to attend college and "shape up."

Some of these students have extremely high potential, but for some reason or another, were unable to meet the academic requirements to attend Southern.

"We've designed it (Southern Success) to allow students whose high school student transcripts didn't reach the requirements of the 18 ACT score and the ranking in the upper half of their class," said Dr. Eileen Godsey, director of the Learning Center. "These students have the ability to succeed and lots of potential."

Each year, around 50-60 applicants are denied admission to Southern.

"Basically, the academic review process committee will look over

the list of applicants not accepted," Godsey said. "The admissions committee is made up of faculty, admissions officers, the dean of students, faculty from both the support center and Learning Center, and various others."

"The committee meets around the middle of May to review the applications not admitted by credentials alone. Out of the 50 or 60 that didn't meet criteria, we are looking for 20."

As long as the students agree to participate in the Southern Success program, they will be admitted to the College.

The Southern Success program was a collaboration of several faculty and staff, including Derek Skaggs, director of enrollment services.

"Derek Skaggs had the first original idea of the program, and everyone else jumped right in," Godsey said.

"Derek is the actual person that controls if they are actually admitted."

These students will attend basic classes such as College Orientation, but will also be required to attend classes that are focused toward developing study skills and time management.

"They will be taking classes that promote time management and study skills," said Kelly Wilson, director of the student support center. "Basically we'll be trying to boost their confidence and to prepare them for college."

Another key part of the program is the mentor/student relationship. The students will be required to meet with their mentor at least once a week to work on projects or just to receive help.

"Part of the program involves student mentors," Godsey said. "These mentors are picked out of the upcoming fall College Orientation

leaders. These leaders volunteered, and we checked to make sure that they actually had time and if they were interested in the helping profession."

These mentor/student meetings are not meant to be formal.

"These mentors are to serve as role models," Godsey said. "They are supposed to be what College Orientation would be like if there were only five students instead of 20."

In order to calculate the success of the program, students' grades will be reviewed and mentors will be required to meet as a group with Godsey at least once a week. The students' grades will be monitored their freshman year and after that, they will have to meet normal standards of progress toward graduation.

"Basically, this program will help the student get a good foundation set," Wilson said. □

Award-winning Winged Lion hits stands

By CASSIE HOMBS
STAFF WRITER

In addition to *The Chart*, Missouri Southern has another award-winning publication many students may not be aware of.

The Winged Lion, a collection of art and literature contributed by Southern students, will be in circulation today.

"This collection is quite a labor of love and commitment," said Dr. Joy Dworkin, associate professor of English and one of the sponsors of *The Winged Lion*.

"Students volunteer to work on this without being paid. They know they're working

on something that's really first rate." Last year, *The Winged Lion* received the Pacemaker Award, the highest distinction available for a college publication of this sort. In winning this award, Southern ranked with prestigious institutions such as Louisiana State University, University of North Carolina, University of Oregon, North Carolina State University, and Syracuse University.

Other awards the publication received in 1998 were first place in design, best of show, and first place in photography.

"This is very time consuming," said Amber Stone, a sophomore art major who worked on this year's team. "The staff has worked

really hard to make every page a work of art."

Other members of this year's creative art and literary teams are art and English majors Emily Petty, Joy Mayfield, Paul Dodson, Jesse Webb, Jennifer Konstanzer, Mike Burnhart, Linda Kotis, and Michelle Holloway. Dr. Dave Noblett, associate professor of art, works alongside Dworkin as an adviser to the group.

"This edition is more than just pictures and literature," he said. "We have a lot of special effects from the computer. Each year we try to do something different."

And each year, these differences work into a publication the staff is proud of. Both advisers agree it can be difficult to work under the College's limited finances.

"It can be difficult to produce this because of our budget," Noblett said. "But the students want and need the experience of working on a real-world publication."

Normally, art majors do most of the art work and layouts. But the advisers maintain that anyone can volunteer to work for the staff.

"We have contributions from people all over the Missouri Southern community," Dworkin said.

"This year, some writing was done by the staff members, but it's certainly not limited to those majors." □

LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT

Restaurant stays happy

Establishment puts bands on hold until reconstruction

By VINCE SWEENEY
STAFF WRITER

For one local restaurant/bar, recent problems have caused the owners to reevaluate the main form of entertainment and look at different possibilities.

Fat and Happy Restaurant & Bar, located at 5806 North Main Street, has been in business for more than a year.

It is famous for its hamburgers, coneys, homemade chili, cold beer, and lately has been the talk of the neighborhood because of its bands.

Gary Garvin, one of four owners of Fat and Happy, notes there has always been problems with the musical entertainment because of the noise.

For the most part, the bands have usually held concerts outside the restaurant, but Fat and Happy received complaints from neighbors for too much noise.

About three weeks ago the owners decided to try something different by moving the bands indoors. Garvin said complaint calls still were made to the police.

"We have one neighbor who seems to oppose any involvement," says Phil Garvin, co-owner of Fat and Happy.

He said the people who live behind Fat and Happy have no problem with the bands, and the person making all the complaints lives across and down the street.

"She says she hears all this and is probably 600 feet away," Garvin said.

"I don't see how the hell she can. But we're going to keep on trucking with or without her."

Gary Garvin said the main focus now will be kicking off summer activities because of the recent problems. These activities will include basketball, sand volleyball, and horseshoes.

"We hope to have tournaments for prize money and stuff like that," Garvin said.

As far as the summer goes, there will be no bands because of the problems.

The owners want to concentrate on having a good summer without the help of the bands, and invite any college students who wish to participate in the summer tournaments to come by their establishment.

By late October, Gary Garvin says Fat and Happy hopes to begin building a new soundproof facility.

This will be the big project for the fall and should take approximately 60 days to complete. The building will include a 10-to-12-foot ceiling, new restrooms, and a kitchen.

It will be set aside for bands, banquet dinners, and other special occasions.

It is a bit of a disappointment for those who enjoy bands because none will be in performance this summer at Fat and Happy. However, other activities will be going on, and then plans will begin for the new building following the summer festivities.

"You should come out and check us out," Gary Garvin said. "It's a pretty neat atmosphere." □

ART DEPARTMENT

Showcase spotlights seniors in Spiva

By CHRIS ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

Four soon-to-be graduates from the graphic arts department have brought their artistic talents to life through a number of pieces now on display in the Spiva Art Gallery.

Alexandra Pavlova, Melissa Newberry, Skyla Fiorentino, and Paul Brown are four of eight students at Missouri Southern who will be graduating this year with degrees in graphic design. Their pieces range from photographs and paintings to computer-generated designs and imaginative compact disc covers.

Though all of them are excited about what the future holds, they are also nervous about getting out in the real world.

Brown said upon graduating he hopes to use his designing abilities in order to create a career for himself.

"I'd love to be able to do freelance stuff full-time," he said.

"I dabble with it now, but I'd love to make it a career."

Pavlova agreed. "When I graduate next December I am looking forward to being able to play around with this," she said.

Though still students in this area, the quartet is no stranger to using their designing talents for work.

Brown has even had a number of jobs on campus.

"I've painted the new football



John Magoffin and Jennifer Linn take in the artwork of the senior art exhibit in the Spiva Art Gallery. Today is the final day of the art exhibit.

locker rooms and hall, as well as one of the coaches' offices," he said.

The four of them have done a number of letterheads and advertisements as well as having had experience in compact disc design and even T-shirt design, each of which are on display.

Though each of them have learned a number of new techniques at Southern, all of them have been expanding their artistic

talents throughout the majority of their lives. Brown first decided to come here because of a Big Eight art competition held every year.

"It was recommended to me to go during my senior year of high school, and when I was there I learned about a scholarship that I could be eligible for," he said.

"I think I was up against 25 or 30 other people, of which four are chosen. Luckily, I was one of those four."

This particular competition is held every year for high school graduates, and, incidentally, will be held Saturday at Seneca High School.

The four will show their pieces through today, as the exhibit was only for this week. But the current works can still be seen through today.

However, similar pieces will be shown next week from the additional four graduating students. □

Novel satisfies as Wolfe in sheep's clothing

A sprawling tale of human injustices is packed in this tremendous novel of contemporary American society. In his first novel published since *The Bonfire of the Vanities* in 1987, Tom Wolfe has managed to slice into each section of various statuses throughout contemporary society.

The setting of *A Man in Full* takes place in the deep south, Atlanta, Ga., a prime target to highlight the racial tensions that are a part of our society. There are a number of characters who eventually meet with one another due to these tensions.

The main character is Charlie Croker, a former Georgia Tech football player turned real estate tycoon. Wolfe captures a typical "cracker" in this character of someone who basically has good intentions but still remains racially divided in his mind. Croker is known affectionately among his black plantation workers as "Cap'n Charlie."

After descriptions of southern luxuries of Charlie's 29,000-acre plantation named Turmpine, the scene switches to Roger White, a black man who is also rich and socially secure but lacks satisfaction in his social stature among the white section of Atlanta. Also introduced into the plot is the protagonist, Conrad Hensley, dissatisfied with his life as a poor factory worker in California. The one connection Conrad has to the rich world of Charlie Croker is his occupation, which is in a meat factory named Croker Global Foods, owned by Charlie.

The contrasting worlds also share the fact something is missing from both of their lives. Charlie, while seeming to have it all, million of dollars in real estate and a pretty but uncaring second trophy wife, does not have anything that is true in his life. Conrad has the opposite problem of not hav-

ing enough to fulfill his life. He longs for something more to do with his two-year college degree education than factory work. It is not clear until the middle of the book why these characters are mentioned, especially the lawyer, because he has no connection to either Conrad or Charlie.

The empire Charlie has built starts to crumble. With the certain demise of his real estate empire, he decides to lay off a number of workers in his Global Foods factories. This chain of events causes Conrad to search for a job, and in the process, lands in jail over a minor misdemeanor.

A large portion of the novel is devoted to skillfully detailing the life of inmates in the Santa Rita jail. A rape scene is the turning point for mild Conrad. In the process of doing his time, a book titled *The Stoics*, is delivered to him.

This book entitles him to have a faith, a belief in standing up for what is right. The faith he acquires comes in the form of Epictetus, a figure in Greek mythology. The following quote illustrates the turning point which Conrad feels empowered with this new philosophy: "But most important of all, only Epictetus understood. Only he understood why Conrad Hensley had refused to accept a plea bargain! Only Epictetus understood why he had refused to lower himself just a rung or two, demean himself just a touch, confess to a minor crime, a mere misdemeanor, in order to avoid the risk of a jail sentence. Each of us considers what is in keeping with his character...His Lawyer, even his own wife, wanted him to compromise and plead falsely. But he knew himself and at how much he was in worth. He did not count himself as an ordinary thread in the tunic, but as the purple, that touch of brilliance that gives distinction to the rest."

This theme continues to touch the lives of Charlie and Roger White, the lawyer. Charlie must come to grips with keeping his fortune or making statements he does not believe in.

Roger must come to terms with his longing to have everything the white section of Atlanta has, and build camaraderie with the African American people of Atlanta.

The flow of events which leads Conrad to Atlanta is too smooth and fantastical to be a



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reality, but the desires of the characters are believable and their faults all too human. A problem with the book is the ornate description of nearly every building in Atlanta. The descriptions make one think they are reading a magazine on interior design and is distracting to the pace of the novel.

Roger has his crises when the most popular football player, Farrek "the cannon" Fannon, is accused of rape by the daughter of the most prominent white businessman in Atlanta.

The theme of race relations threaded throughout the entire novel is a series of quick glimpses of the goings on of the town.

The novel, while long winded, manages to provide a superbly detailed view into the world of old Atlanta mixed with the new, and offers a view on some issues that remain problematic.

Readers who can manage to keep up with the wide cast of players and their ever changing roles will find a challenging but satisfying glimpse into the world of some of the most interesting characters to come around in a long time. □



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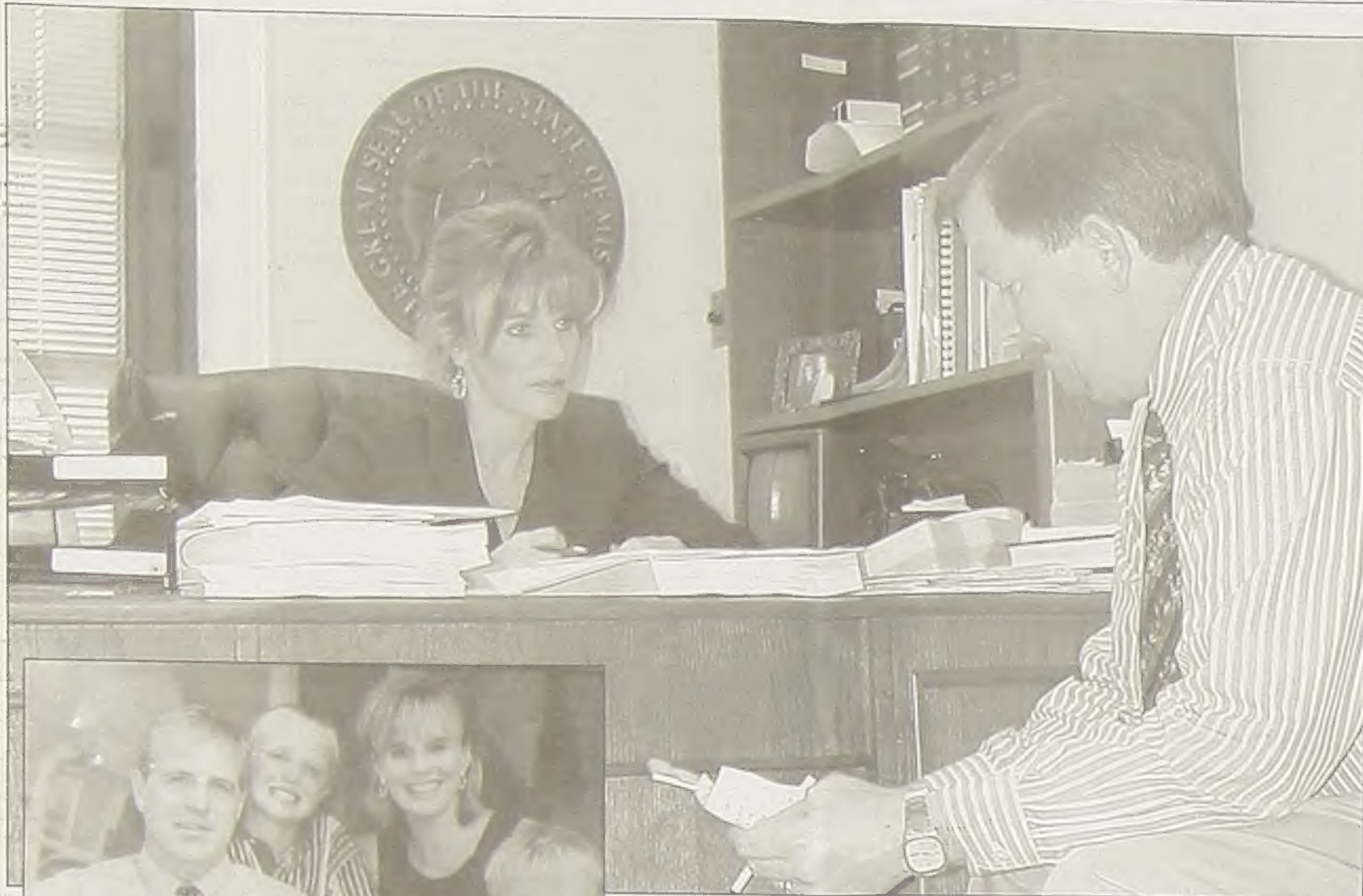
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Sarah Steelman (R-Rolla) meets with her administrative assistant, Jim Dunn, to look over information concerning the senator's bill which addresses the promotion of adoption over abortion. With two weeks left in the legislative session, Steelman is anxious for her legislation get through the process.

GINNY DUMOND/The Chart



Steelman and husband David are seen in this family picture with sons Sam, 12, Joe, 9, and Michael 3.

SPECIAL TO THE CHART

Fresh on the Scene

Senator not afraid of big issues during first year

By GINNY DUMOND
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

When people use the phrase, "wanting and having it all," there's a possibility they are referring to freshman Missouri Sen. Sarah Steelman (R-Rolla). The Phelps County legislator participates in several of the great loves of her life on a daily basis: motherhood, marriage and politics.

"There's no question about it, it's tough," Steelman says. "I try to get home as many nights as I can, but it's hard to find the time during the session to take care of the motherly duties as well."

Originally from Jefferson City, Steelman is no stranger to the political arena.

Her father is a prominent Capitol City lawyer, her father-in-law a judge, and her husband, David, served in the Missouri House from 1978-1984.

With a master's degree in economics from the University of Missouri-Columbia, Steelman was formerly employed by the Missouri Department of Revenue, all of which added to her ability to adjust to the responsibility of being a state senator without ever previously holding an office.

"I've always loved politics and always participated in it," she said. From interning at the state level and working on several campaigns, including Ronald Reagan's, Steelman came to know several aspects of the business.

"I always wanted to run for something, but when you're a representative you have to run every two years, and that can become very time consuming," she said.

Tuesday's 8:30 a.m. commerce committee hearings might be considered the typical beginning to a full day for Steelman at the capitol.

After wading through several testimonies on a bill that attempts to reduce the effects of phone-slammings, the committee heard from the Department of Natural Resources on a dry-cleaning bill.

Just a few minutes before session, Steelman took long strides down to her office, where phone calls were returned and a two-foot stack of information was gathered for session.

Senate consent bills offered little excitement until Steelman spoke against an amendment, saying it promotes discrimination.

The comment was made that she may be particularly aware or vocal on this amendment because she is a woman.

"I know what it's like to be discriminated against, so it's an easy thing for me to address," Steelman said later. "I think people know that I'm willing to stand up on the floor and take on issues that may not be popular."

She says being a woman does have an effect on the way she thinks about things, but that the difference is positive.

"I think it's positive in the approach to governing," she said.

"I think women, in general, approach the issues as prob-

lem-solving, while men tend to want to win instead of sizing up the problem."

Steelman adds, however, there are few traits within the legislature that are exclusively gender specific.

Outside chamber walls, Steelman continued to deal with two issues that were linked to her pro-life legislative stance. The first is a bill that would establish a board to look into the area of adoption within the state. Over a quick lunch at her desk she went over facts and figures concerning the adoption statistics statewide.

"There is one adoption to every 34 abortions in this state," she said.

"I tried not to make this a pro-life, pro-choice issue, but if you're aborting babies then there's a shortage of babies to adopt."

Another bill Steelman is working for is House Bill 427, which would create the crime of "infanticide" and is directly targeted at partial-birth and late-term abortions. The bill, which has been passed out of the House, is racing with time to reach the Senate floor before the end of session. Shortly before the session reconvened, Steelman met with other pro-life legislators to find a way to make sure the legislation was heard in time.

While many might believe the abortion issue to be angled on which gender would have much to do with decision-making, Steelman says she believes her politics are centered around something else.

"It's not that I'm a woman," she said. "It's my Christian-conservative philosophy. At least that's my goal and the way I desire to do things."

Tuesday afternoon's session brought a challenge for Steelman, who was ready to propose an amendment to a bill the legislature was discussing concerning the tobacco settlement with the state.

After finding that the lawyers were unwilling to disclose the amount they were charging the tobacco companies, and reading about lawyers who received more than a billion dollars for the negotiations in other states, Steelman thought there needed to be an amendment to force disclosure, citing the state as the client.

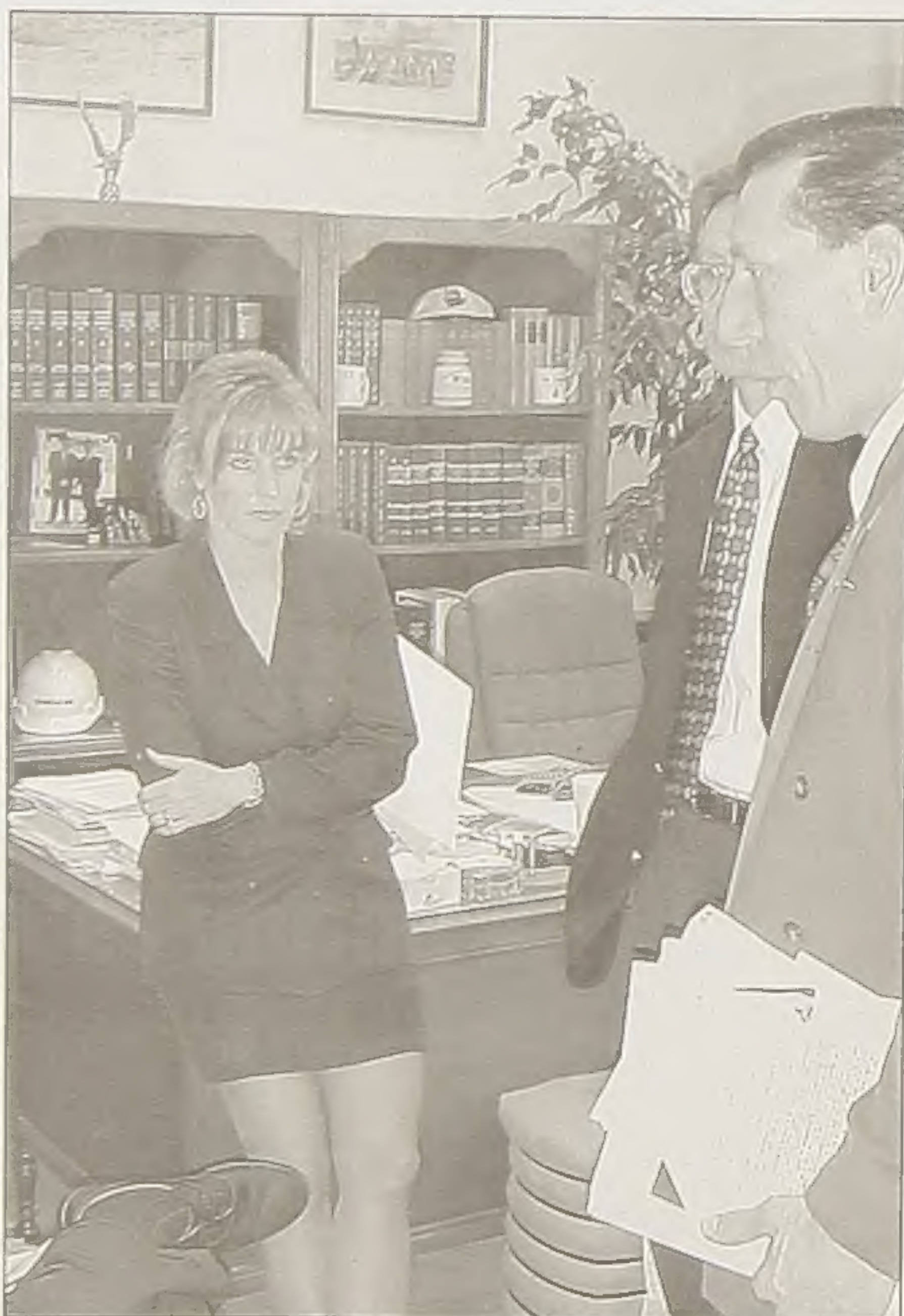
At the end of the heated debate, which took well over two hours, Steelman and the others, who were adamant about an amendment, lost the battle 17-14 with few straying from party lines.

Dragging out of the tense session at nearly 7 p.m., Steelman called her husband with the news of the defeat and wondered if there wasn't something more she should have done.

"Yeah, it depresses me because the issue is such that I just can't believe other senators don't care about it," she said.

Forgoing several dinner invitations, Steelman headed back to Rolla.

"It's a love/hate relationship," she said about the job. "It's a disease; you get it in your blood and just can't get rid of it." □



GINNY DUMOND/The Chart

Steelman and other pro-life members of the legislature, including Rep. Bill Leutkenhaus (D-Josephville) (front), met before Tuesday's afternoon session to discuss strategy on assuring the partial-birth legislation is heard on the Senate floor.

APPROPRIATIONS

Restrictions fall on family planning funding

Proposed legislation demands separation

By GINNY DUMOND
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Abortion providers across the state have more than the legislature's partial-birth bill to be aware of this session as it seems the appropriation for family planning money may have new restrictions.

Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin) says a recent court decision has led pro-life lawmakers to put greater restrictions on the use of the state's family planning funds.

"The 8th Circuit Court ruled that we can force family planning agencies who perform abortions to separate their facility, change their

name, and keep separate accounting," he said. "And if they do those things, then they can receive funds for family planning."

Burton said there has been an amendment added to the appropriations bill, which is the appropriation for the Department of Health, since the court ruling that clarifies these stipulations.

According to Burton, the amendment explains what it means to be separately incorporated, to have separate facilities, and what it means to be non-promoting of abortions.

Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca) says he initially had reservations about the amendment because he feared it would affect agencies in the Joplin area that are not involved with abortions.

"The thing I had some serious

doubts about is if it would limit the access of women to true family planning," he said.

Singleton specifically mentioned clinics operated by the Economic Security Corporation that service his area in Jasper, Newton, and McDonald counties.

"They truly give immunizations for kids, and I'm interested in making sure women have access to birth control pills and the prevention of unwanted pregnancy through education and any means necessary prior to conception," he said.

Because members of the House did not have the court decision when the appropriation passed out of the House, it will have to go to conference committee. After that the appropriation will have to go back to the House then to confer-

ence committee and back to the Senate again for approval.

Burton, however, says he is certain it will eventually be passed because if it does not, the entire Department of Health appropriation does not go through.

Another question that has been raised is a possible veto by Gov. Mel Carnahan.

"He would have to veto the entire family planning section, and I don't think he's going to do that," Burton said.

Burton says it is a misconception that pro-life legislators are against appropriating family planning money.

"We have always supported the family planning appropriation as long as it doesn't go to fund abortion, which is what we've felt it has been doing," he said. □

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McVeigh attorney visiting Southwest Missouri State

Stephen Jones, principal defense counsel for Timothy McVeigh, is slated to visit Southwest Missouri State University at 2 p.m. Monday in Craig Hall at Southwest Missouri State University.

Sponsored by the SMSU public affairs convocation committee and the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association, Jones' presentation is titled "Lessons Learned from the McVeigh Case." The event is free and open to the public.

"We are looking forward to involving Stephen Jones in our active convocation series," said Dr. David Dixon, assistant to SMSU President John Keiser. "Both Jones' presentation and the convocation series itself remind us how important our civic responsibilities are and how we can raise the awareness of those responsibilities through public affairs."

Jones is the author of the 1998 publication "Others Unknown"—The Oklahoma City Bombing Case and Conspiracy—in which he attempts to explain the circumstances surrounding "the greatest act of terrorist violence ever committed in the United States."

On May 8, 1995, Jones was appointed by the United States District Court to serve as the principal defense counsel for McVeigh, charged in the Oklahoma City bombing case.

Jones, 58, is a trial and appeals attorney from Enid, Okla. He currently serves as general counsel for Phillips University. □

Officials at Southeast still seek additional funding

Southeast Missouri State University officials are continuing to pursue state funding for the River Campus this legislative session. In early April, the House Budget Committee included \$4.8 million for the project in its capital improvements funding bill.

University officials say they are pleased with this development and hope this action signals that the full House and Senate will fund the project.

Southeast wants to develop the former St. Vincent's Seminary on the banks of the Mississippi River in Cape Girardeau into a River Campus, home of a school of visual and performing arts. The total project is estimated at \$35.6 million, with half of that coming from the state.

In January, the River Campus project was omitted from Gov. Mel Carnahan's fiscal 2000 state budget. But on April 7, Carnahan recommended \$11.8 million in added funding for capital improvement projects across the state, including the River Campus. □

Doman vies for position of vice president at ESU

Dr. Earle Doman, former director of counseling at Missouri Southern, interviewed Wednesday at Emporia (Kan.) State University as a finalist for the vice president for student affairs position.

Doman is currently the vice president for student services at Arkansas Tech University. He left Southern in 1984.

Another former Southern staff member, Lori LeBahn, formerly director of College Orientation, is dean of students at Arkansas Tech. Robert Brown, ATU's president, was Southern's vice president for academic affairs from 1990-93. □

Missouri Western brings in candidates for director

Missouri Western State College is bringing three candidates for athletic director to campus for a second round of interviews.

The finalists are Pete Chapman, currently the director of athletics at Wayne (Neb.) State College; Paul Bubbs, former director of athletics at Cal State Northridge; and Lori Braa, assistant athletic director at Messiah College in Grantham, Penn.

Dr. James McCarthy, Western's executive vice president, is serving as interim athletic director. □

MISSOURI STATE HISTORICAL SITE

Landing holds key parts of history



The Jefferson Landing State Historic Site includes the Union Hotel in the foreground and the Lohman building to the right.

SPECIAL TO THE CHART

By GINNY DUMOND
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Part of Missouri's history some may never think of is preserved in museum form right near the State Capitol. Just down the hill toward the Missouri River is the home of Jefferson Landing Missouri Historical Site.

"I think the major significance of it is that it is the last, or one of the last, steamboat landings standing on the Missouri River," said John Cuning, Missouri Department of Natural Resources and museum curator.

Cuning adds that surrounding buildings such as the Lohman Building, the Union Hotel, and the Maus House are rare in that they date back to the steamboat era.

Cuning says there is a difference between exhibits in the Capitol museum and the one at Jefferson Landing due to the Landing's direct link to the city.

"In the state museum at the Capitol, we try to tell the story of the whole state," he said, "but Jefferson Landing has always been so intimately attached to the history of Jefferson City."

"In fact, it was vital when most of the cargo and people traveled on the river."

Cuning says the river was so vital that when the first state legislature met in St. Charles in 1821 it passed a law that said the permanent Capitol had to be on the Missouri River within 40 miles of the Osage River. That became a main benefit of Jefferson City.

According to the *Missouri Historical Review*, the true usefulness of the Landing did not last much past the 1850s.

"After steamboats gave way to newer forms of transportation, Jefferson Landing quietly lost its significance as the city's commercial center," it said.

However, an attempt to tear down the Landing and put in a parking lot piqued the interest of the Cole County Historical Society, and in 1974 the DNR took over and restored it.

"It was Missouri's official bicentennial project," Cuning said. Although its original state has been altered the *Review* still names the Landing both significant and rare.



The Lohman Building can be seen in front of Missouri's former Capitol building.

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Visitors to the city can follow Jefferson Street north to the site, which Cuning says offers something unique to those visiting the Capitol City.

"I think the main thing they'll gain is a little more of the historical flavor of the town," he said. □



The main museum is housed in the Lohman building and has a display of life on the Missouri River.

SPECIAL TO THE CHART

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Legislators find prayer adds peace

Representatives, staff meet for encouragement

By GINNY DUMOND
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Several members of the House and Capitol staff members have been giving emphasis to the power of prayer. A group of 40-60 people meet every Thursday morning during the session to have a prayer meeting.

"It's really important, especially on Thursday after you've been through a week up here and even more especially toward the end of the session," Rep. Ronnie Miller (R-Stockton) said.

Miller has been a part of the group since he joined the legislature three years ago.

"It's a time of mental peace," he says. "I think there's that peace that God's promised us that passes understanding."

Miller says the time set aside is not one to gossip or think about party politics.

"There's a diversity there, there's no Democrat or Republican," he said. "There are Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Charismatics, Catholics, and more."

"We do our very best to honor everyone's opinions, and as far as I know we haven't had any problems."

Miller also says it helps to know people as brothers and sisters in Christ whom you see every day in the legislature.

"If someone's on a committee and they're in our prayer group, I would tend to go to them for anything from a transportation problem to a secretary of state problem," he said.

Rep. Mary Kasten (R-Cape Girardeau), one of the group's founding members, said the group has been a blessing to her.

"We began with only a few people and now we almost have too small a room," she said.

Kasten says that while time is limited, the group does much in the given time.

"We've all grown to know each other in closeness," she said. "We really pack the time into some wonderful spiritual things—it's just outstanding."

She says the diversity of the group really adds to everyone's understanding and tolerance.

"The person who does the devotion can do whatever they want, so you get to see a different kind of a relationship in response to their faith," she said.

"Many of them have lived such great examples of a Christian life, and the way God has worked in their lives is captivating."

Kasten says there are a few rules the group abides by in general. First, everything's confidential, and second, there's no political talk at all.

"I come away from it every time with something different," she said. "Something you can really take with you."

For Miller, the meeting offers a time of different priorities.

"There are just a lot of good people and they know they can go to hearing room 7 on Thursday mornings, not for a hearing, but for a healing." □

ROUTE 66 MUSIC THEATRE



PHYLIS DETAR/The Chart

The front of the Route 66 Music Theatre displays the well-known Route 66 highway sign. The theater is located in Webb City.

Local talent to perform benefit concert

By PHYLIS DETAR
STAFF WRITER

Performing a benefit concert for a family in need is making a dream come true for another family when the Route 66 Music Theatre opens May 7 in Webb City. The Route 66 Music Theatre Band, featuring the Peterson Siblings, a local family group, will be performing there every Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. beginning May 7. "It all started when we did a benefit for a local family in need," said Bob Peterson, speaking for the Peterson Siblings. "It is ironic to me that we were essentially doing something for someone. In so doing, it came back to us. It is a dream coming true." Richard and Gina Monson and their daughter attended the benefit concert. They had always wanted to renovate the Civic Theatre in Webb City, but needed a reason.

"They decided we were it," Peterson said. The Monsons purchased the theatre in September. Monson has been working 12-hour days on its renovation since then. "We just started gutting the thing," Richard Monson said. "We have hauled four 40-yard Dumpster loads of trash and 25 flat-bed trailer loads of old rotten wood out of the building." With the help of friends, they have done about 80 percent of the work, Monson said. Bruce Arnold helped them design the changes. They did have the plumbing, heating, and dry wall contracted. It took about two months and 200 razor blades to clean the peach tile above the marquis on the building. Monson said architectural pieces from the Civic Theatre across from the Webb City Post Office have been incorporated in the remodeling. The theatre is handicap accessible and seats 325.

It also has a gift shop featuring Highway 66 memorabilia and a concession stand. Monson expects to have the renovation complete in time for the grand opening when he will lease the theatre to the Petersons. "The show will consist of a variety of music sure to please all audiences," Peterson said. "We will be doing everything from Patsy Cline to Buddy Holly to James Brown to the Charlie Daniels Band." Appearing with the group will be Comedian Willie Make it, who was nominated three consecutive years as "Branson's Best." The Peterson Siblings will play and sing in the band. Ben directs and plays bass guitar, Suzy plays guitar and flute, Buffy does hand percussion, David plays guitar and fiddle, and Bob plays drums. Other members are nephew Benji Peterson on bass guitar and trombone, Ray Franklin on keyboard and saxophone, and Marly Neer on pedal steel and guitar. □

FLEMING FOODS

Consumers stores shut doors

By MARLA HINKLE
CITY NEWS EDITOR

In a recent decision by Fleming Foods, many local Consumers grocery stores have been forced to close. The grocery store chain, which is located throughout the United States, is closing in the Missouri towns of Aurora, Carthage, and Monett. It has been estimated in a statement by the Missouri Department of Economic Development that the shutdowns will result in a combined loss of 85 jobs in the three cities. Many other Consumers locations are also going out of business, according to Shane Boyd, spokesperson for Fleming Foods. "Most Consumers stores in southwest Missouri, northwest Arkansas, and eastern Kansas are no longer in operation," he said. "Fleming announced in February their interest in selling Consumers stores. The plan is to eventually sell all

the Consumers stores in order to supply an independent store." While Boyd did not state any sales figures for Consumers, he did indicate the standards were not in accordance with Fleming Foods. "The Consumers stores were not meeting our performance objectives," he said. "However, this does not necessarily mean Consumers cannot be a successful operator under different management." The closings will result in job losses, but the time for employment has never been more favorable, according to Joe Barfield, manager for the Missouri Department of Labor. "Anytime is a bad time to get laid off, but no time has been more favorable for unemployment than right now," he said. "The current unemployment rate is at 2.6 percent. The people who have lost their jobs have a good chance at finding a quick replacement for their job with the current

abundance of jobs." Another benefit to persons who have recently lost their jobs due to a store closing is the Missouri Rapid Response Team, said Kristi Jamison, public information specialist at the Missouri Department of Economic Development. Many skills needed in the job market are taught to the workers in order to train them for a different job. "The Missouri Rapid Response Team helps people to learn resume writing and job interviewing skills," she said. "The team will meet up with the company office that is closing and see whether or not the company's employees will require any of these services. People on the local level, such as Area Seven Private Industry Council, are also beneficial in helping people find jobs quickly." Boyd said Fleming Foods is still in discussion with possible buyers of the stores and hopes to see multiple operators take over. □

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Queens of the COURT

Tennis team claims MIAA title

By RUSSELL DAKE
STAFF WRITER

In a season of firsts for Missouri Southern tennis, the Lady Lions added another accolade to the list Saturday — Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association conference champions.

Southern, in placing five entries in championship matches, slipped past tournament favorite Washburn University 49-48 with a dramatic doubles win from the No. 1 team — sophomore Julie Posch and senior Heather Andrews.

Posch and Andrews dropped the tandem of Tracy Jones and Kara Thacker of Missouri Western 6-3, 6-2 in the tournament's last match.

The 10 points for the victory proved to be just enough to capture the conference crown.

"If I could have written out exactly how I would have wanted everything to come to an end this season and in the tournament, it happened," Andrews said. "It was just a great way to end my senior year."

"When me and Julie are on, there's not hardly anybody in the conference that can beat us. What really got us up was beating Washburn. They were seeded No. 1, and I think that momentum carried us through the final match."

Southern earned additional

conference championships from freshman Mendy McMunn, No. 3 singles; senior Valerie Butler, No. 4 singles; and the No. 2 doubles team of Butler and McMunn. Tallying the additional team points for the Lady Lions were Andrews, second in No. 2 singles, and a fourth-place finish from sophomore Erin Campbell, No. 6 singles.

"That was a real big win," said coach Linda Gebauer. "We needed that one. I was happy for her (Campbell) to reach that level. To place fourth in that division is a very good win for her."

"Each match was important. I think it was a good team effort up and down the line-up."

The team effort was fueled by key wins in rematches in the semifinals.

Butler's defeat of Truman State's Jessica McKinney avenged a regular-season loss April 21 in the hands of the Bulldogs' No. 4 singles player.

"I had to play a girl in the semifinals who had beaten me two days before," Butler said. "It wasn't easy for me. I had a tough match. After I won that match, I thought I could win. I had a much easier match in the finals than the one in the semifinals."

The conference championship left the Southern team with many feelings and memories that will not be forgotten.

After sitting out last season following some personal conflicts,



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Front row (left to right): Erin Campbell, Valerie Butler, Julie Posch. Back row: Coach Linda Gebauer, Kerri Murphy, Heather Andrews, Mendy McMunn, Jaime Dill.

senior Jaime Dill rejoined the Lady Lions for the 1998-99 season.

"It really feels good to come out and be so successful," Dill said, "and accomplish the things we have this year as a team."

Added Gebauer: "After the awards ceremony, I see Heather Andrews carrying the MIAA trophy with tears in her eyes, that was such a reward to me."

And to know that the kids have worked so hard and finally got to

see the benefits and results of all their hard work.

"She wasn't about to let anybody else carry that trophy. She kept it and carried it around for quite awhile after the championship. That was a special moment for me."

At press time, Southern was still awaiting word from the NCAA about a possible bid to the Midwest Regional Tournament May 7-9.

The top 13 teams from the Midwest region receive berths. □



FILE PHOTO

Julie Posch (pictured) was one half of the doubles team with Heather Andrews that captured the last 10 points and the conference crown.

TRACK: Richardson wins pole vault

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The 4x4 relay team, consisting of Keller, Hoyle, sophomore Erin O'Dell, and freshman Misty Estes, won the event.

"Freshman Sandy Richardson also won the pole vault," Vavra said. "She had a personal best as well."

The rest of the Lady Lions will head to SMSU this weekend with the men's team, while Miller and Estes go to Pitt State for the conference meet in the heptathlon.

The MIAA conference meet will be held at Northwest Missouri State University next weekend. □

FOOTBALL: McKenzie, Chapman battle for starting quarterback position, both to see playing time

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to get to where the ball is, according to Gregory. He said "true quickness" is one thing the team lacked last season.

"They are smaller than other corners we've had, but their quickness has been most noticed," Gregory said.

"You usually don't notice that much difference."

Last season the Lions were beaten in four games due to secondary breakdowns. Gregory switched some personnel to correct the problem somewhat.

"I moved coach Dan Scheible over from offensive line to coach the defensive line so that [coaches] George Ricumstrict and Bill Cooke would not be spread so thin," he said.

"I wanted to have three full-time coaches on defense. The hardest move was for Coach Scheible because he's been with the offensive line so long, but he's a football coach. And football coaches can coach anyone."

Gregory knew his team would be a little weaker at the linebacker spot, but got somewhat of a surprise.

Brad Harris, who has to fill the shoes of All-American Kqorea Willis, has risen to

the occasion. Jarrett Cook moved to middle linebacker from weak linebacker, and L'Quincy Pryor is "the star" of spring ball, according to Gregory.

"This guy is a ball player," Gregory said. "He was not a player last year and he has been the dominant player this spring."

Paul Clancy, Mike Cheatham, and Kevin LaRue will end spring ball as the remaining starting defensive linemen.

"It is no secret that Gregory's offensive attack is centered around a strong running game."

Gregory thinks his backfield could be one of the MIAA's best.

Antonio Whitney, Shawn Williams, Joey Ballard, and signee Leo Green will be the probable starters, according to Gregory. Nguvitjia Kahiha and Duane Middleton will provide depth at the running back spot.

At fullback, Lydell Williams, Juan Tabb, and Brandon Hays will see time.

"We'll be very good in the backfield," Gregory said.

"I have no doubt about that. Our backs are just a little banged up."

The Lions are deep at the running back spot, however, the spring game will not happen due to backfield injuries.

Ballard, who returned to the team Tuesday after playing baseball, saw limited action in practice.

Gregory said he will not take many hits during spring drills.

"Joey would have basically participated for the assignments," he said. "He needs some down time after baseball."

Center Ben Beeler and guard Mike Tosaw are returning seniors, and Gregory said they have both stepped up their games.

"Beeler is a great player and will contend for conference honors, I think," Gregory said. "We're really impressed with him. Tosaw has stepped up his game, and both of them are playing the best football they've ever played."

At the tackle spot, Jeremy Tennison was moved from the noseguard position and Dan Mullins was moved from tight end while Josh Brooks will play as the other guard.

Gregory is most worried about the depth, however.

"We have zero depth on the offensive line right now," he said.

"There are major drop-offs between our starters and our back-ups in certain spots. We're bringing in two freshmen, and we're hoping at least one can come in and contribute right away."

Seth McKinzie and Josh Chapman are battling for the job as quarterback. Gregory said both are fierce competitors

and there is not much difference between the two.

"They're going to both play," Gregory said.

"I could see last season that Josh could get it done on the field, and Seth is playing the way I expected him to. Seth has a little more game experience, but they are both great football players."

And they will have receivers to throw to as well. Not only will Ballard be a running back, but he will also play receiver.

"Joey will realistically not leave the field," Gregory said.

Ray Davie, a freshman from Vian, Okla., has impressed coaches with his route running and speed this spring as well. He and junior Larry Smeby have had good springs as well.

"Davie emerged during the spring; in fact, I had actually circled him and not invite him back," Gregory said. "He really elevated his game."

The Lions will open the season Aug. 28 when they will travel to play Arkansas-Monticello.

Gregory said the 11th game may help the Lions' playoff chances.

"Last year Emporia State probably should have made it, and they were 8-2," he said. "If you're 9-2 instead of 8-2, you'll probably make the playoffs." □

Sports Scope

Spring sports coming to close, ladies triumph

Missouri Southern's spring sports teams wrote a song about it. Like to hear it, here it goes.

Ending the year is always much fun. So little to write about and I'm under the gun.

Reporting the worst and praising the best, with a couple of

things to get off my chest. What better way, while I'm short on time, than to say all of this in a smooth little rhyme. Despite the big plays and



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all the big names, the Lions won 11 of their 43 games.

There were many highlights and things to see, but it was just one season that was not meant to be.

Not knocking the player or knocking the coaching, but the end of an era may soon be approaching.

The days are now numbered for the Lions at Joe Becker. No, it will not be left for the ball of a wrecker. The American Legion may play a few deuces (double-headers) and it may even go toward community uses.

Through the gliding and sliding of girls running bases, there are smiles on those of the softball players' faces. Southern lost six of its first seven and now have won 10 of its last 11. A couple of runs is all the ladies will need to secure a spot in the top two seeds [of the conference tourney].

About the four pitchers there's so much to say. They're the lowest in the league in ERA. Hailey Stanley throws the drop ball, Britany Hargis has the rise, they make 20/20 batters look like they have bad eyes. Elisha Bonnot and Stacy Guptill pitch games that are hype and batters just watch balls sail down the pipe.

If you have any doubts, I think you should chill, because if we have a few runs, it doesn't matter who's on the hill.

Linda Gebauer, how sweet did it sound to come to Southern and turn the tennis program around. A little more running had the ladies on the hop. They set a common goal and came out on top. Heather Andrews carried the trophy all over the place with a smile and tears upon her face. Once again we should be tipping our hats and giving the tennis team many congrats.

In the gym on Monday, I heard a big thunk. It was Kevin Dotson throwing down a dunk. He was reversing and twisting and did a double pump and proved that some white men really can jump. The skill must be spread like a really bad rash because Dustin Franks broke the school record in the 400-meter dash. Doug Culver is improving on the hammer throw and Tyson Sims is improving in the hurdles (so, I'm stretching).

Last but not least are the Southern lady runners. Amanda Harrison and Tina Keller are Southern's big gunners. Margaret Miklovic is doing her thang and is wanting to end the season with a bang.

Senior thrower Stephanie Wainscott is launching the shot and placing in front of those who are not.

In the words of Wainscott before I'm out of gas, good job Lady Lions, "you're kicking some [butt]." □

FOOTBALL



Sophomore defensive back Damian Purse participates in a drill in practice on Monday afternoon at Fred G. Hughes Stadium. Purse has impressed coaches with his quickness and athletic ability this spring.

Lions to hold no spring game due to injuries

By ANDRE L. SMITH
SPORTS/DESIGN EDITOR

Several positions were in question at the end of the football team's 3-7 campaign last season. How would the Lions replace nine defenders, including an All-American linebacker? One thing on the top head coach Greg Gregory's list was improving the secondary.

Damian Purse, a sophomore from Kansas City, and Kerry Byers, a junior transfer from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, have stepped to the forefront and impressed coaches.

"It's gone from being our No. 1 weakness to being our No. 1 success," Gregory said. "They are probably two of our fastest kids. Just in athletic ability, we made a major improvement at our starting corners."

Purse, who runs a 4.43 in the 40-yard dash, and Byers, who runs a 4.5, also have the lateral quickness



Senior Brad Harris has earned a spot at strong side linebacker during spring drills.

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TRACK & FIELD

Franks breaks school record in 400-meter

By ROBBY BALL
STAFF WRITER

Although the Bill Williams Invitational last weekend at Fred G. Hughes Stadium was a small meet, both teams were able to work on their weak areas. Teams from the University of Tulsa, Neosho County Community College, Pittsburg State University, and Southern attended.

"We had a pretty good meet," said Tom Rutledge, head men's coach. "We had some younger guys really step up and had some personal bests as well."

Dustin Franks broke a school record in the 400-meter dash with a time of 49.67.

"Dustin never really ran the 400-meter," Rutledge said. "We put him in there, and he broke the school record."

Others improved in this relatively small meet, but the youth of the team is still a drawback.

"Doug Culver improved in the hammer throw, as well as Dirk Myers in the shot put," Rutledge said. "But our sprinters and distance guys are just too young."

"But that is a good thing too," he said. "A lot to look forward to in the future."

Freshman Landon Thurman has steadily improved in distance, and senior Tyson Sims continues to improve in the hurdles.

"It really just shows Tyson's athletic ability to be moved in an event he has never done and do well," Rutledge said. "Landon has just gotten better every practice, and that is what we need."

The effort is there, but not the experience as the Lions look toward the future with a young and talented team.

"I like going to practice every day," Rutledge said. "These guys work hard and are fun to be around."

Freshman heptathlete Misty Estes had a personal best in the 100-meter hurdles, and Margaret Miklovic won the 1,500-meter.

"Misty and Rachel Miller will head to Pittsburg State this weekend for their conference championship," said Patty Vavra, head women's coach. "So, it was an important meet for them."

Senior sprinter Heather Hoyle won the 100-meter and 200-meter dash, while senior Tina Keller won the 100-meter hurdles and 400-meter hurdles.

"Tina is ranked fourth in the nation in the 400-meter hurdles and sixth in the 100-meter," Vavra said. "Heather is inching so close to the provisional mark and had her best time in the 200 yet."

Senior distance runner Amanda Harrison won the 800-meter, and senior thrower Stephanie Wainscott placed second in the shot put.

"We held back some of the distance people this time," Vavra said. "It is nice to have Stephanie getting so consistent in her distances."

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BASEBALL

Lions finish season 11-32, Dudinsky decides to return

By JEFF WELLS
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As the 1999 baseball season fades into memories for the Missouri Southern squad, Justin Dudinsky has decided to stay another year.

"I don't want to regret anything," he said. "I want to do it while I can and enjoy it while I can."

Dudinsky had been out of the lineup with

a shoulder injury since April 2. It was the latest in a string of injuries he has suffered during his career at Southern.

"It's starting to become a normal thing," he said.

Freshman pitcher Nick Johnson was able to get extra starts during Dudinsky's absence.

"I think it was good they were able to get the experience," Dudinsky said.

Southern will have several starters return-

ing, including senior Kevin Escala, who spent this year on the disabled list.

"There could be a lot of positives. We are trying to take positives out of the negatives of this year," Dudinsky said.

Southern (11-32 overall, 5-16 MIAA) finished the year by splitting a doubleheader at Emporia State (18-26, 10-12 MIAA) Saturday. The Lions dropped the first game 8-3 before rebounding for a 6-2 win.

In the first game, Emporia State picked up

five runs in the first inning. Johnson's record dropped to 1-5.

In the nightcap, freshman Malachi Momper pushed his record to 2-4. Southern scored three runs in the fifth. Senior designated hitter Flavie Darnell tapped his second home run of the season. Freshman center fielder Joey Ballard led the team with a .358 batting average. Junior Cory Wright led the team in hits, RBIs, doubles, and steals. □

SOFTBALL



Amber Shoemaker prepares to sprint toward third base in a game against Truman State University on April 11.

FILE PHOTO

Downpour forces cancellation of two games

By ANDRE L. SMITH
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Sunday and Monday's torrential downpours guaranteed that Pat Lipira's Lady Lions would not be playing their scheduled games this week. That could be a good or bad thing, according to Lipira.

The Lady Lions were scheduled to play the University of Missouri-Rolla on Sunday, Northeastern State University on Tuesday, and Emporia State on Wednesday, but all three were rained out. Due to the lack of scheduling dates left in the season, the Lady Lions will make up the two conference games against Emporia State.

Southern will tango with Emporia State today at Lea Kungie Field, but Lipira wished she could have played on the

scheduled date. The Lady Hornets have lost five of their last six games.

"I'd like to play them today," Lipira said Wednesday.

"They've hit a losing skid, and we're giving them a little time to rest."

Sunday's game at UMR was rescheduled for Tuesday, May 4. Southern dropped a 2-1 decision in eight innings to the Lady Miners on March 5; however, the Lady Lions evened the mark with a 1-0 shutout on March 27.

"We played two low-scoring games against Rolla this year," Lipira said. "I want to sweep both of them (ESU and UMR). I'm really happy that we have a game the week of the conference tournament because I was worried about all of that time in between."

Lipira is also happy that the

time off may give Kelley Hale a chance to recover from injury.

"She's out with a back problem right now," Lipira said, "and I don't know if she'll be back."

The Lady Lions (24-18 overall, 11-5 MIAA) were able to get in two five-inning games Saturday. They had no problem demolishing Lincoln 12-0 and 14-0 in their biggest run-producing games of the year.

They ripped eight hits off Lincoln's Dara Reinkemeyer in the first inning of the first game, which saw the Lady Lions score 11 runs. Freshman pitcher Stacy Guptill sat down nine batters by way of strikeout and gave up only two hits en route to improving her deceiving record to 4-6. Southern remained on fire in the second as Kasey Martin's two-run shot to left center in the second

inning helped the Lady Lions build upon a 6-0 lead.

Sophomore Elisha Bonnot pitched a one-hitter and struck out two to improve her record to 6-2. Martin, Guptill, Stephanie Bunker, Melissa Wheatley, and Cara Lemon finished the game with two RBIs apiece. Erin Turner added one RBI.

The Lady Lions' pitching staff is ranked first in the MIAA with an 0.77 conference ERA.

Guptill received pitcher of the week honors for her efforts against Evangel. She retired seven batters and gave up three hits in the April 19 contest. Her performance was key in snapping Evangel's eight-game winning streak.

"I feel very fortunate to receive an honor like that," Guptill said. "I'm part of a big-time pitching staff and it's a good feeling." □